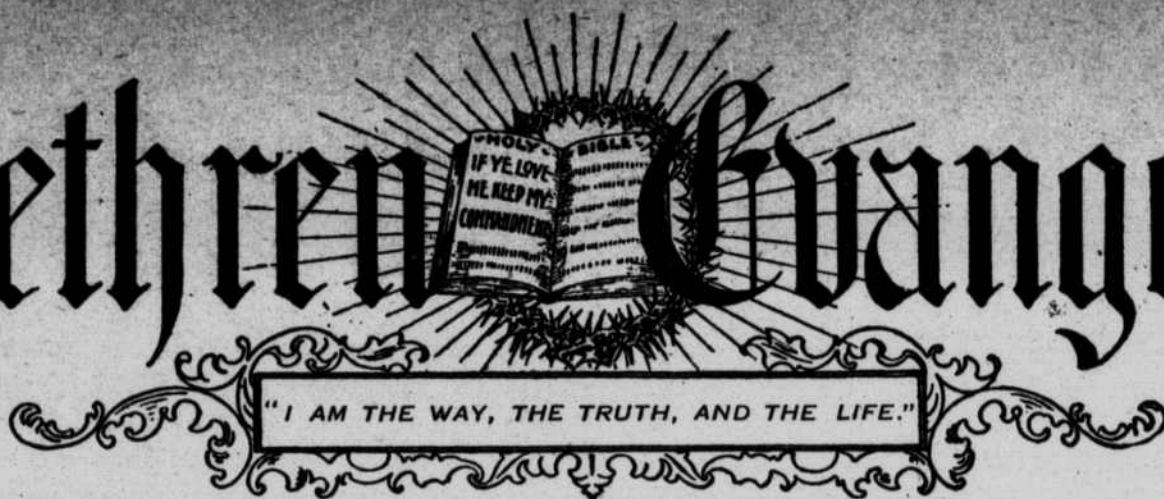


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Notes and Comments.

READ the news from Virginia. The Old Dominion is having a glorious revival. Brother Bowman has proven himself a workman that needeth not be ashamed.

THE paper is one day late this week owing to the sickness and death of our little girl Ruth. We fear that for a few days some of the business of the office has been somewhat neglected, but we beg our readers to have a little patience with us. For the last ten days, up to Sunday night, we watched by the bedside of Ruth, both day and night. She suffered so much that we felt that we must do all we can to ease her life somewhat. How could we leave the little sufferer? When about to leave her bed to go to the office, she would look so pleadingly, and tenderly say: "Papa, you stay with me." And, brethren, I stayed, though her mamma was there too, and work was waiting at the office. We do not believe that we should allow sorrow to interfere with duty, but we felt that love and duty called us to her bedside, and now that it is all over, we shall go about our work, perform our duties the same as before; and if the Lord gives us strength, we will endeavor to "catch up" with all neglected business in a few days. It is needless to say why the usual editorials, Notes and Comments, and Personals, do not appear this week.

DOERS are never doubters.

RULES TO PROMOTE HARMONY AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS.

1. To remember that we are all subject to failings and infirmities of one kind or another.
2. To bear with, and not magnify, each other's infirmities (Gal. 6: 12.)
3. To pray for one another in our social meetings, and particularly in private. (James 5: 16.)
4. Always to turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report, and to lay no charge brought against any person till well founded.
5. If a member be in fault, to tell him of it in private before it is mentioned to others.
6. To watch against a shyness of each other, and to put the best construction on any action that has the appearance of opposition or resentment.
7. To observe the just rule of Solomon, that is, to leave off contention before it is meddled with. (Prov. 17: 14.)
8. If a member has offended, to consider how glorious, how Godlike it is to forgive, and how unlike a Christian it is to revenge. (Eph. 4: 2.)
9. Remember that it is always a grand artifice of the devil to promote distance and animosity among members of churches, and we should therefore watch against everything that furthers this end.
10. To consider how much more good we can do in the world at large, and in the church in particular, when we are all united in love, than we should when acting alone, and indulging a contrary spirit.
11. Lastly, to consider the express injunction of Scripture, and the beautiful example of Christ as to these important things.
12. Above all, remember to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.—*Christian Observer.*

TELL THE TRUTH.

A wise man of Greece being asked what any one could gain by telling falsehoods, replied at once, "Not to be believed, even when he tells the truth."

BE KIND AND GENEROUS.

Some words appeal to me wonderfully.

"I'll sleep on it," I heard a woman say the other day, and I fell to thinking what a good plan it would be if we would, always "sleep on" our actions before committing them.

If we would "sleep on" the angry words we want to say, we wouldn't often say them; if we would "sleep on" the sarcastic letter we are aching to write, we wouldn't often write it—for it really doesn't pay to be unkind and sarcastic—oh, my Heartsease sisters, let us all be generous and kind! Life is made up of little things, it is so easy to do little kindness, comfort little heartaches.

A lady said to me once, "Mrs. D—has lost her child; I feel dreadful sorry for her," "Have you been to see her, to tell her so?" I asked.

"Oh, she is rich and has lots of friends and wouldn't care for any sympathy I could offer her" she answered.

Now the bereaved one was a stranger to me, but I went to her and said; "I know how you feel, I've suffered all you are suffering." Later she told me my words had helped her strangely.

When my girl died an old woman who had scrubbed for me years before came to me and said: "Don't grieve too much, your little girl won't forget you: you were too good to her for that" and her words helped me more than any that were said to me.

The little things that hurt on day by day,
The unkind words our dear one sometimes say—
The times they fail to see we do our best,
When understanding not, with many jest
They turn aside, while we are craving so
For sympathy! To them our grief, our woe,
Seem childish—all unworthy of our years,
Growing so quickly weary of our tears!
These "little things" have missions, they should teach

Us how our hearts with faithfulness should reach
Into our dear one's heart, eternally
Striving to comfort them, always to see
The best in time, to kiss their tears away—
These are the lessons they should teach each day.

Your loving,

JOHANNA.